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PROVISIONAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIVISIONAL COUNTER-ESPIONAGE SERVICE.

Special attention is invited to the secret nature of these instructions and of all instructions, bulletins, codes and ciphers pertaining to the Counter-Espionage Service. They should be shown to no persons other than officers of the Military Service and designated confidential clerks. When not in use they should be kept in a safe.

It is imperative that an efficient branch of the Counter-Espionage Service be established, immediately, wherever troops are concentrated.

The Counter-Espionage Service is, now, in actual conflict with the enemy in the United States and the activities of enemy agents constitute the most serious menace, now existing, to the accomplishment of our mission in the war.

The enemy's secret service in the United States is highly organized and represents years of preparation by experienced managers and the expenditure of incredible sums of money. Its activities can only be controlled by systematic, minute, painstaking and energetic efforts, organized on a comprehensive scale and directed from one center of control.

By direction of the Secretary of War, the handling of military information in connection with espionage and counter-espionage is placed under the control of the General Staff and assigned to the Military Intelligence Section of the War College Division.

By direction of the Chief of Staff, direct communication between department intelligence officers, the intelligence officers appointed at posts and with field detachments, and the War College Division on matters pertaining to military intelligence has been authorized.

MISSION OF THE COUNTER-ESPIONAGE SERVICE.

It is the mission of the Counter-Espionage Service:

1. To prevent enemy agents from obtaining information in this country and among our forces in France and transmitting the same to the enemy.
2. To prevent acts of destruction and crime, known as sabotage, aimed at our industries and the life and health of troops and citizens,
3. To prevent interference with the plans and work of the Government by insidious propaganda, enemy business or labor agitation, legal obstruction, riots or similar means.
4. To prevent the immobilization of resources designed to embarrass the United States and allies or aid and comfort the enemy.
5. To prevent the furnishing of supplies and money to the enemy.
6. To prevent the dissemination of disloyalty.

In order to accomplish this the enemy's organization and agents must be discovered and their ability to operate be curtailed.

The discovery of enemy's agents in this country is most difficult. They are found all over the country and in every walk of life. They are in the military service, not only in the ranks, but in our offices, arsenals and munition plants.

The mobilization of the National Guard and National Army will offer an opportunity for the enemy to "plant" large numbers of agents in positions where they can do a great deal of harm. Information has been